

(b) Section 17, Chapter 377, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17. STATUTORY INTERPRETATION. *Except as otherwise provided by this Act, if [H] there is a conflict between this Act and Chapter 49, 51, or 36 [52], Water Code, this Act controls. If there is a conflict between Chapter 49 or 51, Water Code, and Chapter 36 [52], Water Code, Chapter 36 [52] controls.*

SECTION 12. AMENDMENT TO WATER CODE. Section 36.0151(f), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Before September 1, 2021 [2015], the commission may not create a groundwater conservation district under this section in a county:

- (1) in which the annual amount of surface water used is more than 50 times the annual amount of groundwater produced;
- (2) that is located in a priority groundwater management area; and
- (3) that has a population greater than 2.3 million.

SECTION 13. TERMS OF OFFICE. The governing body of a groundwater conservation district for which the election date has changed under the laws amended by this Act shall adjust the terms of office to conform to the new election date, if applicable.

SECTION 14. NOTICE. (a) The legal notice of the intention to introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies, officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313, Government Code.

(b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

(c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives within the required time.

(d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled and accomplished.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 29, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendments, on May 27, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 0, three present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

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## EXEMPTION FROM THE SALES TAX FOR CERTAIN WATER-EFFICIENT PRODUCTS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD

### CHAPTER 1197

S.B. No. 1356

#### AN ACT

relating to exemption from the sales tax for certain water-efficient products for a limited period.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 151, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 151.3335 to read as follows:

Sec. 151.3335. **WATER-EFFICIENT PRODUCTS.** (a) *In this section:*

(1) *“Water-conserving product”:*

(A) *means tangible personal property that:*

(i) *is used on private residential property and is not used for business or trade; and*

(ii) *when used or planted in an outdoor residential property, may result in:*

(a) *water conservation or groundwater retention;*

(b) *water table recharge; or*

(c) *a decrease in ambient air temperature that limits water evaporation; and*

(B) *includes:*

(i) *a soaker or drip-irrigation hose;*

(ii) *a moisture control for a sprinkler or irrigation system;*

(iii) *mulch;*

(iv) *a rain barrel or an alternative rain and moisture collection system; and*

(v) *a permeable ground cover surface that allows water to reach underground basins, aquifers, or water collection points. “WaterSense product” means a product that has been designated as a WaterSense certified product under the WaterSense program operated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or a similar successor program.*

(b) *The sale of a water-conserving product or WaterSense product is exempted from the taxes imposed by this chapter if the sale takes place during the period described by Section 151.333(c).*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 2015, if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that date, this Act takes effect October 1, 2015.

Passed the Senate on May 4, 2015: Yeas 20, Nays 11; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2015: Yeas 20, Nays 11; passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2015: Yeas 122, Nays 18, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 2015.

Effective October 1, 2015.

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## CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF AND LIMITATIONS ON LANDLORDS

### CHAPTER 1198

S.B. No. 1367

#### AN ACT

**relating to certain obligations of and limitations on landlords.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 24.005, Property Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsections (f–1) and (f–2) to read as follows:

(f) *Except as provided by Subsection (f–1), the [The] notice to vacate shall be given in person or by mail at the premises in question. Notice in person may be by personal delivery to the tenant or any person residing at the premises who is 16 years of age or older or personal delivery to the premises and affixing the notice to the inside of the main entry door. Notice by mail may be by regular mail, by registered mail, or by certi-*